

Eye on Campus

Civil War music calmed combat

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Our nation's darkest moment was the crumbling of America's spirit, when brother was pitted against brother and father against son, during the Civil War.

Only through music could the armies find a place for peace.

"There is a poignant story," said Dr. Ralph Young as he explained a battle that left 1,300 dead. "...They were only about a hundred yards apart. They started having the battle of the bands. The Union band played the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' and the Confederate band would listen and play 'Dixie.' It was kind of one of those ironic things, and just then around the stroke of midnight, one of the soldiers from one of the camps began singing 'Home Sweet Home,' and very soon both armies were belting it out singing ... the next day they were out killing each other."

Young's History 444 class presented "Music of the Civil War," Oct. 29 in the

amphitheater of the Main Building. Here, students and many visitors tapped their feet to the same music that was played during the era of the Civil War.

"I really experienced the Civil War on both sides," junior Ken Levin said. "The one good thing about music (is) that the music played then can be played now and still have the same feeling."

The performers for the evening were Rounder Recording Artists, Rafe Stefanini and Beverly Smith.

Equipped with a battery of instruments used in this time period, such as the fiddle, guitar, and the banjo, they entertained with music that is "O Brother Where Art Thou?" according to Young.

All the songs performed in the 1½-hour presentation came with a story.

"OK, this is a tune called Camp Chase ... it was a prisoner of war camp, many people died there ... it's about a guy who's about to be hanged in Camp Chase.

"There are two stories," Stefanini said.



Photo by Gerry Dungan
Rafe Stefanini and Beverly Smith performed music from the Civil War and told stories to students about each song they played.

"There's one where the prisoner's last request was to play this tune ... and there was a contest where the one who played the best fiddle was released."

"So, please don't hang me if I mess this up," Stefanini said as he readied his fiddle.

Although the performers were seated,

their entire frame got into their music. Their feet tapping, bodies rhythmically moving, and also their heads nodding, it was easy to see how one could forget that there was a bloody war going on.

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Cans of caring support local charity

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The holiday season is quickly approaching. Thanksgiving will be upon us in a matter of weeks and Christmas is right around the corner. Within all of these upcoming festivities is another special event: the Lion's Eye food drive.

The food drive begins Nov. 15 and ends Dec. 20. This will be the third year that the school newspaper has sponsored the event.

Donation bins will be set up in the lounges and lobbies of each building on campus. Any non-perishable items can be donated including: clothes, personal hygiene products, paper products and

canned food.

At the end of the food drive, all donations will be given to CityTeam Ministries in Chester. This drive has been very successful. It's a great way to show your holiday spirit and provide people who are less fortunate with everyday necessities.

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Movin' on up: Student housing at U Park

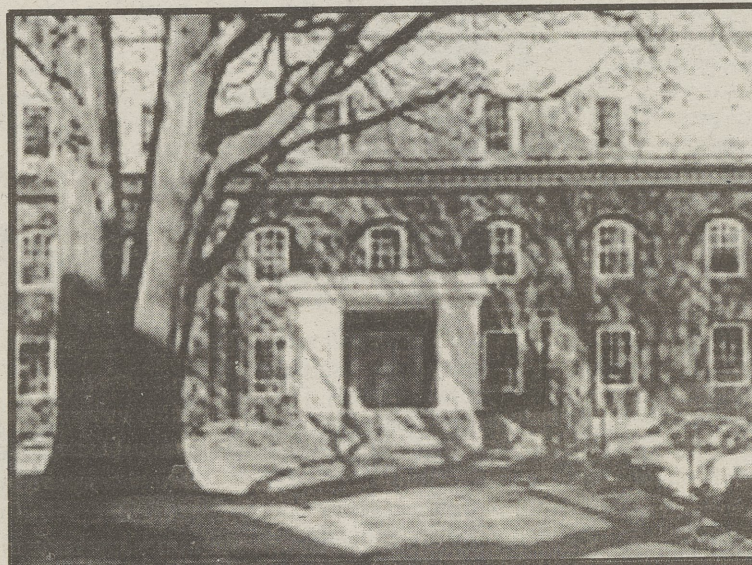
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If you're planning on transferring to Penn State University Park next spring or fall, you know that you'll have to find a place to live. Fortunately, it's not too late to start looking.

At Penn State main campus, students are limited to two types of housing: residence halls and off-campus apartments.

There are six residence hall areas: the East, Centre, North, Pollack, South, and West Halls. Each residence has special features, according to the Residence Life Q&A pamphlet. However, there are certain standard features in all halls. These services include a telephone, television areas, cable and internet connections, a microwave/freezer/refrigerator combination, laundry facilities, post office services, and more.

These living communities are all located on campus. According to the University Park contract information, Residence Life's first priority is to find housing for full-time students who are attending the university to obtain a degree. On-campus housing is



West Halls is one of the six residence halls at University Park and is within a short walking distance of many of Penn State's learning and sports facilities.

assigned on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Living on campus has many benefits.

"On campus housing is great for students who don't want to be bothered with having to cook or pay bills," said Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of student life.

Students are also close to the classrooms and libraries, meal plans are included, and there are

several student programs.

To obtain a dorm room in a residence hall, it is important to submit your request early. The contract information from University Park explains that the time of your submission will determine whether you receive a permanent dorm room or a supplemental room. If there are not enough permanent rooms avail-

able, students are placed in supplemental housing spaces, which are lounge areas with up to eight to 10 people.

It is important to remember that supplemental housing is temporary, as dorm rooms will become available when other students choose not to return to campus.

"If you really want to live on campus, don't panic if you are put into supplemental housing," said Hettich-Atkins. "It really is temporary, and you'll have all the same furniture and rights as students living in a regular dorm room."

Off-campus living is another housing option for students who wish to attend Penn State main campus. Many students seek private apartments rather than dorms.

"Off-campus housing is ideal for students who want a living on their own' experience," said Hettich-Atkins. "This entails paying bills, negotiating with roommates, cooking, cleaning, and shopping."

The Off-Campus Living Website has information on rooms for rent and students in need of roommates. There is a

large range of prices for apartments. The cost is determined by the size of the apartment, the number of roommates, and the proximity to the campus. There are a few ways to find out about off-campus housing at University Park.

The Student Life office on the second floor of the Commons building of Penn State Delco has information about apartments that are available.

"We have a couple of file drawers full of flyers and information about off-campus housing [at University Park]," said Hettich-Atkins. Advertisements and flyers about off-campus housing (by students at University Park who are seeking roommates) are posted all around the Delco campus. There is also a Web site for off-campus living at <http://www.sa.psu.edu/ocl/>.

For more information about student housing, on-campus and off-campus, contact Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of student life or Diane Shorter, student life specialist, located on the second floor of the Commons building.

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